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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF FEBRUARY VIENTIANE ACCORD

REF: VIENTIANE 1774

1. DCM SAW PHENG MORNING MARCH 12 TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MEETING BETWEEN PHENG AND PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH THAT SAME DAY. PHENG SAID THAT PHOUNE REPEATED IN DETAIL VERY MUCH THE SAME SOTH PHETRASY HAD TOLD DCM AND WHICH WAS REPORTED IN VIENTIANE 1774.

2. ACCORDING TO PHENG, PHOUNE SAID THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD NOW ELABORATE POLITICAL AND MILITARY PROTOCOLS AND ONLY AFTERWARDS ESTABLISH JOINT CONTROL COMMISSION FORESEEN IN ARTICLE 11 OF VIENTIANE ACCORD. RLG POSITION REMAINS THAT BIPARTITE POLITICAL AND MILITARY GROUPS NOW MEETING ARE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE JOINT COMMISSION PRESCRIBED BY ARTICLE 11. IN VIEW OF THESE DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS, PHENG SUGGESTED THAT LPF AGREE TO IMMEDIATE DESIGNATION OF JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT FORESEEN IN ARTICLE 11. SIMULTANEOUSLY, EXPERTS WOULD ELABORATE THE TWO PROTOCOLS, ONE POLITICAL ONE MILITARY, TO IMPLEMENT FEBRUARY VIENTIANE AGREEMENT. PPHOUNE DID NOT ACCEPT THIS COMPROMISE BUT OFFERED TO DISCUSS IT WITH HIS LPF COLLEAGUES.

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3. IN THIS CONNECTION, PHENG MENTIONED THAT THE TWO PROTOCOLS MUST BE WORKED OUT BEFORE MARCH 23 WHICH IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE FORMATION OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT AS FORESEEN IN ARTICLE 6 OF VIENTIANE AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT RLG IS ALREADY WORKING ON DRAFTING THESE TWO PROTOCOLS BUT IF US EMBASSY WANTED TO HELP RLG, HE SUGGESTED THAT WE GIVE HIM OUR THOUGHTS IN WRITING WITHIN TWO DAYS SO THAT THEY CAN BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE RLG TABLES ITS PROPOSALS. DCM SAID WE WILL TRY TO COME UP WITH OUR THOUGHTS WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME. PHENG STRESSED THAT WHATEVER US SUPPLIES MUST BE IN FRENCH AND PRESENTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT CANNOT BE TRACED BACK TO US EMBASSY.

4. AS A RESULT OF PHENG- PHOUNE MEETING THIS MORNING, THE TWO SUBCOMMITTEES WHICH WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET THIS MORNING WERE CANCELLED.
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